

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on July 30, 2001 and notes that no copy of the PTO/SB/08 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO/SB/08 be made of record herein.

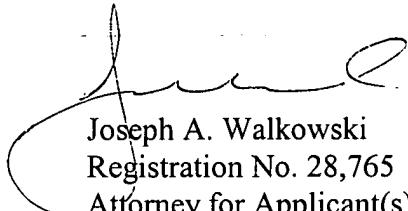
Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in Group A, claims 1 through 10, being those claims directed to prearing insulation by mixing the composition under substantially solvent-free conditions. Applicant further elects the claims directed to subspecies A4, being those claims directed to where at least about 90 weight percent of the crosslinkable polymer in the composition consists of the crosslinkable EPDM terpolymer. Claim 6 is directed to subspecies A4.

Applicant does, however, traverse the Office's determination that no generic claim exists with respect to the species of invention set forth in Group A. Applicant considers claim 1 to be generic to the species of Group A, since each and every claim of claims 2 though 10 are embraced by the limitations of independent claim 1, and notes that upon allowance of such a generic claim, claims 2 through 5 and 7 through 10 of the non-elected species would also be allowable.

Applicant requests an action on the merits of claims 1 and 6.

Respectfully submitted,



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